Paul Named a "Hero of the Taxpayer" for 2002

Washington, DC: Congressman Ron Paul once again has been named a "Hero of the Taxpayer" based on his unwavering anti-tax voting record in Congress. Paul received the award from Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), a nonprofit, grassroots taxpayer organization that fights for lower taxes. ATR recognized Paul based on a scoring system that tracks important tax votes in the House of Representatives. Only those members who vote in the interest of American taxpayers at least 85% of the time receive the award.

"I promise my constituents that I will always support tax cuts and always oppose tax increases," Paul stated. "I pledge that I will consistently vote for smaller government, which means voting for less taxes. I'm pleased to receive this award from ATR, which is the most influential and principled taxpayer rights group in the nation."

Paul's "Hero of the Taxpayer" award was based on his support for taxpayers on various issues, including increasing deductions for pension and retirement accounts; repealing the death tax; amending the Constitution to require a 2/3 vote for tax increases, eliminating the marriage tax penalty, and reforming welfare to save taxpayer funds.